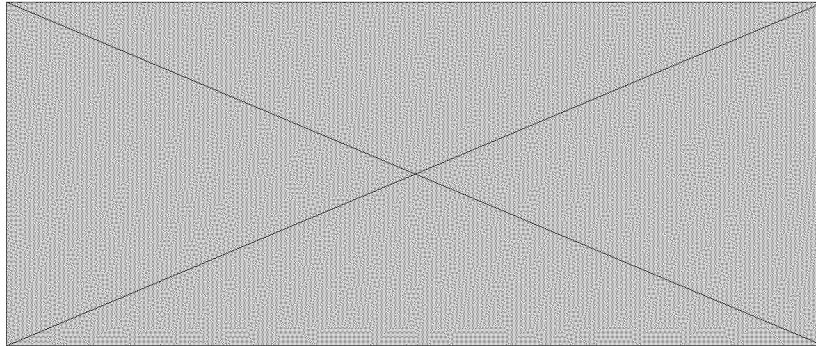


To: Washburn, Ben[washburn.ben@epa.gov]
From: MO Coalition for the Environment
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Subject: Airborne Benzene Found Offsite Near West Lake Landfill



West Lake Landfill Newsletter

Airborne Benzene Detected by DNR

June 3, 2014

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Dear Ben,

Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster announced in a [press release](#) yesterday that Benzene was detected by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on Saturday near the smoldering West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton.

Due to the offsite airborne detection of Benzene by the State of Missouri, AG Koster is taking Republic Services back to Court in order to:

- Recover \$315,000 for offsite air testing,
- Require the installation of more controls to stop the release of hazardous materials,
- Additional comprehensive air monitoring,
- Additional odor control measures (we are not sure what that means just yet),
- And further study of the slump and stability of the landfill due to the smoldering fire.

AG Koster is listening to the concerns of the people who live and work around the landfill. It's been one year since the last round of comprehensive air testing. People have been requesting additional comprehensive air monitoring and AG Koster is trying to deliver. Now it's up to the Court.

AG Koster also announced he is submitting a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request with the federal government for the raw data from radiation testing along haul routes between the Hazelwood Interim Storage Site and the West Lake Landfill. The radioactive wastes were moved from the Hazelwood site and illegally dumped at the West Lake Landfill in 1973. Supposedly, the information requested by AG Koster cannot be found.

News Coverage

KMOX 1120am: Koster to File Freedom of Information Act Request for EPA Data

KSDK Channel 5: Cancer-Causing Gas Found at Bridgeton Landfill

KTVI Channel 2: Koster Goes to Court for More Air Monitoring at Bridgeton Landfill

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: [High Levels of Benzene Gas Found at Bridgeton Landfill](#)

Watch the Latest Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting

The Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 West Lake Landfill project manager responded to questions on May 29, 2014, at the last Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting. Video of the meeting can be found [HERE](#).

Upcoming Events

West Lake Landfill Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting - Your chance to talk to the EPA

Where: International Union of Operating Engineers Local 513 at 3449 Hollenberg Drive, Bridgeton, MO 63044.

When: Monday, June 16, 2014 from 6:30-8:30pm.

Franciscan Sisters of Mary Prayer Vigil

Where: 12755 St. Charles Rock Road in Bridgeton, MO at the abandoned Phillips 66 gas station.

When: Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month (weather pending) at 10am. June 11th and 25th this month.

West Lake Landfill Community Meeting

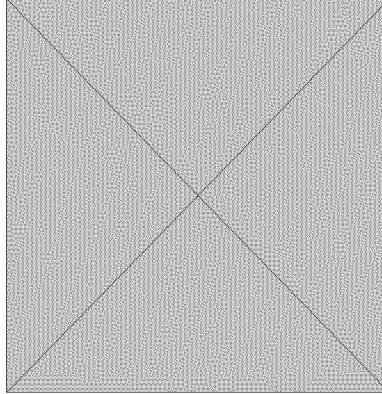
Where: International Union of Operating Engineers Local 513 at 3449 Hollenberg Drive, Bridgeton, MO 63044.

When: June 19, 2014 from 6:30-8:30pm. You can find previous community meetings [HERE](#).

Take Action

Senator Blunt, Senator McCaskill, Congressman Clay, and Congresswoman Wagner all have the power to transfer the West Lake Landfill to the St. Louis Army Corps

of Engineers FUSRAP by introducing and passing legislation. This action has been done by Democrats and Republicans alike in previous years and we call on them for a bipartisan effort to do the same here.



We appreciate their letter of support for the St. Louis Corps of Engineers FUSRAP involvement at the West Lake Landfill and it's time to go further. Call and ask them to put the St. Louis Corps FUSRAP in charge at West Lake now!

Senator Blunt: 202-224-5721

Senator McCaskill: 202-224-6154

Congressman Clay: 202-225-2406

Congresswoman Wagner: 202-225-1621

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